Poetry Explication

**Assignment:** Write an essay-length analysis of a poem by one of the Fireside Poets or Emily Dickinson or Walt Whitman. The poem cannot be one discussed in class and must be approved by me.

**Length:** Approximately 1000 words

**Sources:** You will quote the primary source (your poem) and two secondary sources (critical commentary written about your poem by experts in the field) as evidence to support your claim (thesis).

**MLA:** Use MLA format—typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, etc.

**In-text Citations:** Use parenthetical documentation for all sources used.

**Works Cited:** Your last page will be a works cited page written in correct MLA format.

**Turnitin:** You must submit your final draft to Turnitin and bring a printed copy to class on Thursday, January 26.

We will model these steps in class. You will have computers available 1/23, 1/24, 1/26